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# VIFF: Wind Energy, Eastern European Gloom, and Hockey Musical

Submitted by RA on Wed, 10/06/2010 - 00:23

One of the less cut-and-dry eco docs at VIFF this year is Windfall (10th 12.40pm GR5; 13th 7pm GR1) a relentless attack on wind energy seen through the prism of a small town in upstate New York where industrial wind energy became a divisive local issue.

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# East Van Crown 2010 Bike Polo Tournament Videos

Submitted by RA on Mon, 09/20/2010 - 19:18

The East Van Crown went off as well as we could have dreamed. It rained, but mostly overnight and the courts at New Brighton Park dried through each morning under a brightening sky.

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# Spot the Stop Sign

Submitted by RA on Tue, 09/14/2010 - 17:05

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I was riding blithely along the bike route today with my tiny passenger in the back seat, when I blew through a stop sign without even realising it. This time we were lucky.

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# East Van Crown 2010

Submitted by RA on Sat, 09/11/2010 - 12:52

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It's only a week until the two-day East Van Crown bike polo tournament. Vancouver has some of the best hardcourt bike polo in the world, with teams regularly cropping up in the top places in North American and World Bike Polo championships.

Bike polo is also a great spectator sport - so come join us in the annual tournament next weekend at New Brighton Courts.

On Friday, there's also a less competitive "Dirty Threesome" polo championship.

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## Two Thumbs Up For Vancouver's Separated Bike Lanes

Submitted by [RA](#) on Thu, 09/09/2010 - 12:04

Yesterday, I dropped by the public consultation on the Hornby Street [separated bike lanes](#). I have to say I'm very impressed by City Hall taking the initiative here, especially as this is the busy downtown core and there's obviously many variables to work with.

I've only ridden on the newish Dunsmuir separate bike lanes a handful of times (they officially opened on 15 June), but found the experience wonderful.

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## Movie Monthly: Eco Docs at VIFF

Submitted by [RA](#) on Tue, 08/31/2010 - 23:22

It seems more like a decade than a year since [VIFF](#) (30 September-15 October) last came round. Make that two decades. With Copenhagen's failure fast becoming a dot in the rear view mirror, one filmmaker has returned to footage from the first "Earth Summit" in Rio for inspiration.

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## The Scourge of Negativity Equity

Submitted by [RA](#) on Tue, 08/31/2010 - 03:13

Reading about the [mortgage modification marathons in the States](#), what's striking is how much individuals trying to save their homes have lost and how little their homes are now worth. A drop from \$160,000 to \$60,000 says one, and \$115,000 in 2004, to \$42,000 now says another.

In Vancouver, \$42,000 wouldn't buy you anything worth striving to save - maybe a cardboard box under a road bridge.

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## Garden Salad

Submitted by [RA](#) on Tue, 08/17/2010 - 00:24

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There's something very satisfying about a garden salad, both from an aesthetic and taste point of view. Even more satisfying when you've grown it yourself. A few years ago I'd never have thought about making this kind of salad - I wouldn't even have been able to name most of the leaves here. I like the yellow and orange that the marigold petals bring, although in this picture you can really only make out the orange of grated carrots.

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## Movie Monthly: Get Low

Submitted by [RA](#) on Sat, 07/31/2010 - 17:47

Death has long been a reliable source of comedy on the big screen whether it be for the oddball Harold and Maude in 1971, or more recent horror spoofery of the Scary Movie franchise, where Death himself was one of the best characters. Typically, whenever death and comedy are mixed up the results are out-and-out bad taste, but Get Low (out on 6 August) is a more subtle creature, a story where the black humour is reined in to allow breathing space for dramatic mystery.

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## Feeding the City Masses With Vertical Farming

Submitted by [RA](#) on Thu, 07/29/2010 - 22:42

Interesting article in The Guardian today about feeding the urban masses of the future through [vertical farming](#): instead of growing out, you grow upwards.

Using tried and tested hydroponics, and good building design, vertical farming enthusiasts reckon that a thirty story, downtown vertical farm could provide enough food for 10,000 people.

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